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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James M. Florence  
Serial No.: 10/053,026  
Filing Date: January 18, 2002  
Group Art Unit: 2877  
Examiner: Layla G. Lauchman  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDING OR  
DROPPING A COMPONENT OF AN OPTICAL  
SIGNAL

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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A check in the amount of \$258.00 is attached herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keiko Ichiye".

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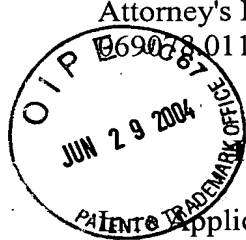
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I hereby certify that the attached Response to Office Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 (11 pages), Fee Transmittal (2 pages), a check in the amount of \$258.00 for the additional filing fee, this Certificate of Mailing, and a Baker Botts LLP acknowledgment postcard (1 card) are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on this 29th day of June, 2004 and is addressed to Mail Stop Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

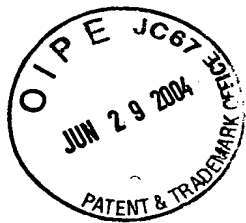
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed April 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.

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